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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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**Lexington, Ky.** — Amul R. Thapar, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky; John (Jack) Adams, Commissioner, Kentucky State Police; Tracy A. Reinhold, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation; James W. Cobb, Special Agent in Charge, United States Secret Service; John Schickel, United States Marshal, United States Marshal Service; Robin Dangleish, Postal Inspector in Charge, United States Postal Inspection Service; and several local law enforcement agencies, jointly announce Operation Harvest Moon.

Operation Harvest Moon is part of the Department of Justice Project Safe Childhood initiative which is a cooperative effort by federal, state, and local law-enforcement aimed at prosecuting individuals involved in offenses involving the sexual exploitation of children. As part of Operation Harvest Moon, a federal grand jury returned eleven sealed indictments on Monday, October 23, 2006. The indictments were for a variety of offenses, including the production, receipt, distribution and possession of child pornography. In addition to the federal arrest warrants issued as part of Operation Harvest Moon, the Kentucky State Police have obtained state arrest warrants for several additional individuals who have been involved in crimes against children.

The investigations stemming from Operation Harvest Moon originated from a variety of sources, including the undercover efforts of federal, state, and local law enforcement organizations, tips from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, and complaints from private citizens.

Operation Harvest Moon is part of the ongoing effort of the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Kentucky, the Kentucky State Police Internet Crimes Against Children Section, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United States Secret Service, the United States Postal Inspection Service, the United States Marshals Service, and local law enforcement agencies, to protect children from child predators living in our community.

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